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CLIFF LAKE TRAIL #1831

Difficulty: Difficult

Trail Use: Light

Length: 3.5 miles

Beginning Elevation: 9,800

Ending Elevation: 7,600

Access:

- Go north of Rifle on State Highway 13 for 3 miles. Turn right on highway #325. Stay on #325 past Rifle Gap (about 6 miles), turn right on county Road #226 and follow that to County Road #245 (Also called the Buford-New Castle Road). Stay on 245 to Hiner Spring (about 18 miles) then turn right onto FDR #601 for about 2 miles to the Cliff Lake Trailhead and parking area.

Trail Highlights:

Cliff Lake Trail is a good day hike as well as providing access to the South Fork Trail #1827. The trail is located at the north end of the parking area. The first mile is moderately sloping with a couple of level areas through meadows. The next 2.5 miles are rather steep with switchbacks and rocky areas along the way. South Fork is one of the portals into the Flat Tops Wilderness area.

Attractions:

Excellent vistas!

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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